

Chapter 3: General Rules of Conduct and Personal Behavior

Section 1: General Conduct

City Ordinance states that a person may be expelled from a park for a period of 24 hours or longer if there is reasonable cause to believe that person violated the following rules of general conduct by intentionally disrupting the orderly operation of a park, program or event. A person may also be expelled for an extended period (in no case longer than 6 months) and be reinstated when there is evidence that the person's presence will no longer threaten the orderly operation of the park .

- a. The following conduct is not allowed on park property: fighting; offensive, abusive or obscene language, gestures or behavior; disturbing, harassing, or interfering with any park employee, another visitor, or their property; intentionally disrupting the orderly operation of the park; and/or disregarding the rights or safety of others.
- b. No person shall interfere with the orderly conduct of games or other recreational activity in a park or park facility.
- c. The high volume use of loudspeakers, car stereos, boom boxes, compact disc players or other loud sound systems is not allowed in and around parks, buildings or ballfields without written permission from the Director.

Section 2: General Conduct in Park Facilities

- a. The use of roller skates, in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, bicycles or any other type of propelled vehicle or equipment is not allowed in park facilities unless authorized by the director.
- b. Persons shall enter park facilities only at designated public entrances, and no person shall enter park facilities where a "No Admittance" or "Employees Only" sign is posted.

Section 3: General Conduct on Park Property

- a. Entering into any pond, fountain, cave, designated natural area, native plant area or restored natural area is not allowed.
- b. Placing any foreign object, solid or liquid into the water of any lake, pond, pool or fountain is not allowed.
- c. Tossing coins into, and removing coins from fountains, lakes or ponds on any park property is not allowed.
- d. Digging holes, cutting trees or plants, attaching signs to trees or damaging any park property is not allowed.
- e. Harassing or otherwise disturbing wildlife in any manner is not allowed. Fishing is allowed in designated areas - see Chapter 4, Section 10 of these RULES.
- f. Garbage, bottles, cans, paper, and other refuse shall be placed in designated trash receptacles.
- g. Glass containers are not allowed in any park, except where designated, or where the use is specifically permitted by the director.

Section 4: Consumption of Alcohol

- a. The possession and consumption of alcohol (defined in CHAPTER 1, Section 3, "e") is prohibited in City parks, except as follows:

The possession and consumption of non-intoxicating malt liquor (containing not more than 3.2% alcohol by weight) is allowed from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM and only within the designated areas of Cherokee Park, Como Park, Harriet Island Park, Highland Park, Phalen Park, and at Rice and Arlington, McMurray and Dunning ballfields. No glass beverage containers are allowed.

- b. City of Saint Paul ordinance prohibits the possession or consumption of alcohol in all other City parks.
- c. Temporary beer licenses to sell alcohol (as defined) at park facilities are available at the City License Inspector's Office with permission of the Director. No such license is available for Hidden Falls/Crosby Farm Park. Recreation Centers are allowed only eight such temporary licenses per year.
- d. Alcohol is allowed at Midway Stadium for tailgating purposes during scheduled City events and/or during games played by the St. Paul Saints professional Independent League baseball club. This activity coincides with Midway Stadium parking lot rules.

- e. Alcohol may be served at Como Campus in conjunction with special events authorized by the Director.

Section 5: Use of Fireworks and Weapons

- a. Fireworks, model rockets and remote control vehicles are not allowed without written approval from the Director.
- b. Weapons (as defined in CHAPTER 1, Section 3, "f") without permits, are not allowed on any park property or in any park facility. Exceptions may be made by the Director.
- c. The Director may remove any obstructing article, or item, found on park property at the expense of the owner, and if not claimed within 60 days, may sell or destroy such items.